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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SADAT

1. I WAS AGAIN STRUCK YESTERDAY, AS I WAS WHEN I LAST  
MET SADAT JULY 31, WITH HOW POORLY THE PRESIDENT LOOKED.  
HE GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF BEING VERY WEARY AND SOMBER.  
THIS COULD HAVE BEEN INDUCED BY WORRY ABOUT THE EGYPTIAN  
AND ARAB REACTION TO WHAT FAHMY CALLS THE "MEAGER"  
AGREEMENT GOE IS LIKELY TO GET OR IT COULD HAVE AN ORGANIC  
CAUSE. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU, WE HAVE HAD REPORTS FROM  
THE PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR THAT SADAT'S HEART MAY AGAIN BE  
GIVING HIM TROUBLE AS A RESULT OF TOO MUCH ACTIVITY. HE  
IS BEING PRESSED BY HIS DOCTORS AND OTHER ADVISORS TO  
TAKE OFF AT LEAST ONE DAY A WEEK (FRIDAY) IN ORDER TO  
RELAX AND REST AND APPEARS TO BE MAKING AN EFFORT TO DO SO.  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH, HE TOOK A SLEW OF PILLS. I HAVE  
SEEN HIM TAKE PILLS BEFORE, BUT NEVER IN THAT QUANTITY.

2. APART FROM HIS APPEARANCE, SADAT WAS NOT HIS USUAL  
ALERT SELF. HE HAD TROUBLE ABSORBING VARIOUS POINTS  
AND HAD REPEATEDLY TO HAVE THEM EXPLAINED AGAIN BY  
MOBAREK, FAHMY, GAMASY OR ME. AFTER HE HAD DELIVERATED  
PRIVATELY WITH HIS ASSOCIATES AND WAS GIVING ME THE RESPONSE  
I HAVE ALREADY REPORTED, HIS ASSOCIATES HAD REPEATEDLY  
TO PROMPT OR REMIND HIM OF POINTS. EVEN WITH THE  
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SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCE OF HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, NANA,

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IT WAS AND WHO WAS HER CUSTOMARY  
AFFECTIONATE SELF WITH HER FATHER, SADAT REMAINED MOODY,  
QUIET AND EVEN A BIT LISTLESS. MADAME SADAT TOLD ME  
SHE WANTS HIM TO REST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN THE QUIET  
SURROUNDINGS OF RAS EL-HIKMA, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED SOME  
FRUSTRATION THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE BESET WITH CALLERS.

3. IN CONTRAST TO MY IMPRESSION, DCM MAESTRONE TELLS  
ME SADAT SEEMED QUITE ALERT AND QUICK WHEN MEETING WITH  
CODEL AT MERSA MATRUH ON SATURDAY. HE HAS THE CAPACITY  
TO FORCE HIMSELF INTO AN ALERT POSTURE WHEN WITH GROUPS  
OF PEOPLES, BUT SHOWS HIS FATIGUE WHEN WITH  
SMALLER GROUPS OF ASSOCIATES AND FIRENDS. HE HAS, OF COURSE,  
HAD A BUSY TIME OF LATE AND IS DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED WITH  
AREA-WIDE AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

4. THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THE ABOVE, BUT I  
THOUGH YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT. HOPEFULLY, HE WILL  
HAVE RESTED A BIT BY THE TIME YOUR SHUTTLE BEGINS.  
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